The supply of medicine to medical institutions.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

292. Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that some of the drugs indented for 1100 have not yet been supplied to the several medical institutions of the State? If it is so, does that account for the saving of Rs. 10,000 saved under medical charges?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

A few of the drugs could not be supplied to some of the institutions owing to the delay in getting spirit from the Distillery in sufficient quantity to dilute the concentrated tinctures. The saving of Rs. 10,000 is the difference in the total cost of the medical supply between the old and the new arrangements.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

In the answer it is stated it is the difference in the total cost of the medical supply between the old and the new arrangements. Now, by the old arrangement is meant supplying the medicines of this year in the year itself, and the new arrangement is supplying the medicines of this year in the next year. Of course, in the new arrangement there is a natural delay.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

This year there was a little delay in supplying the medicines. We got down certain medicines from Europe, and we have the Distillery for the supply of spirit.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

May I know what will be the cost of medicines for 1101 which had not been supplied until after this question was sent up?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I want time to answer that question.

The cost of glycerine and ether.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

293. Will the Government be pleased to state the price paid per pound of glycerine and ether and also the price of these drugs in Cochin?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The price of glycerine at Cochin is 11½ as. a pound, and the price paid is the same for the bulk of glycerine bought. As regards ether, the price paid is Rs. 3 per lb., including the price of bottle and free delivery at Ernakulam. The price at Cochin is Rs. 2—4—0, exclusive of packing and conveyance charges. The difference is not much, and Government are concerned only

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